

Flores Liera, Socorro (Mexico)

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Note verbale

The Embassy of Mexico to the Kingdom of the Netherlands presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court and has the honour to inform it that the Government of Mexico has decided to nominate lawyer Socorro Flores Liera for one of the six vacancies available for the post of judge of the International Criminal Court (ICC), with a view to the elections to be held during the 19th session of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute in New York from 7 to 17 December 2020.

The Embassy wishes to draw the attention of the Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court to the fact that the candidate is a prominent member of the Mexican Foreign Service, where her work has gained wide recognition. Ms Socorro Flores has developed her professional and diplomatic career in branches of law that are closely related to the work of the Court, such as international humanitarian law, international criminal law and international human rights law. During her career, the nominee has been a member of the Mexican delegation responsible for negotiating the Rome Statute, a representative of the Mexican State in proceedings before the International Court of Justice (ICJ), and Head of the Liaison Office of the International Criminal Court at the United Nations in New York, in addition to having participated in the negotiation of various international instruments in the field of public international law. Currently, the Mexican nominee serves as Permanent Representative of Mexico to the International Organizations in Geneva, Switzerland, with the rank of ambassador.

In light of the foregoing, the Embassy is pleased to note that Ambassador Flores fully meets the requirements set out in the Rome Statute for the presentation of nominations, in view of her recognized competence and solid, successful and extensive experience in international legal matters. The candidate is nominated for inclusion in list B for the purposes of article 36, paragraph 5 of the Statute.

The Embassy is also pleased to highlight the suitability of the Ambassador to be elected as a judge of the Court at the nineteenth Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute, in view of the fact that the minimum voting requirements provide that at least one female judge, at least one candidate from list B and at least two candidates from Latin American and Caribbean States must be elected.

The Embassy would add that the nomination of Ambassador Flores is made under article 36, paragraph 4(a)(i) of the Rome Statute, in accordance with the requirements that should be met by any person nominated for appointment to the highest judicial office in Mexico, namely judge of the Supreme Court of Justice of the Nation. The candidate fully meets such requirements, as set out in article 95 of the Political Constitution of the United Mexican States. Likewise, the Embassy conveys the candidate's commitment to be available to take up full time service when the Court's workload so requires.

A statement specifying in the necessary detail how the candidate fulfils each of the requirements of article 36, paragraph 3(a) and (b)(ii) of the Rome Statute, as well as her curriculum vitae, is attached.